EDITORIAL DISCUSSION

1940, WHAT A YEAR!

In Appomattox, and in Virginia, 1940 was a good year. Progress in many fields was made and we came out of the year better off than when we entered it. During the year our country and state lost many valuable citizens by death, but a world atmosphere of tenseness leads each of us to dedicate our energies to the spirit of carrying on.

Many things about 1940 we shall not soon forget. We shall not forget those unhappy lands where the invader's heel is set; the ships laden with precious cargoes lost in a watery grave; the cities of Europe, aflame; the toll of life, of property, of art treasures and testaments of civilization; nor the refugees of the world seeking a haven of safety; nor shall we forget our great presidential campaign in which both sides joined in pleading for the preservation of the American Way of Life; nor the gallant spirit of a free people aroused to sound a protestor for the year in the deeply meaningful words: "God Bless America."

May 1941 find us ready for the challenges it will present.

DEFENSE SUGGESTION

We listened to the Sunday night radio speech of President Roosevelt, and then read it in the newspaper papers. Since then, we have digested the editorial analysis of it, and listened to the comments expressed by many citizens.

We have yes to find anyone who did not agree wholeheartedly with every word the President uttered. The American position was clearly stated and we believe that the people of America are thoroughly in accord with that position, regardless of the utterances of a few isolationists, like Senator Burton Wheeler

Yet, frankly disappointed in the speech. . . disappointed although we thoroughly agree with every word said and feel that the case was never so completely and admirably stated. What disappointed us, was the: the speech told us WHY, but did not tell us HOW and WHEN!

We concede that the crisis is more acute than in 1933 when Franklin D. Roosevelt had a program of specific proposals for the perils of that hour. But, we want specific proposals for THIS CRISIS! We went out on the limb for Franklin D. Roosevelt when he replaced the "viewing with alarm" of the Hoover administration, with the banking holiday, the AAA, the NRA, and the vast relief and public works program, America has never forgotten the gallant ACTION given in the modern then!

All through Mr. Roosevelt's address Sunday night, we kept waiting for him to get down to "brass tacks." We were longing to be told SPECIFICALLY what to do. But the PROGRAM never was announced. Maybe the President will follow up his Fireside Chat with definite proposals when he speaks to the Congress Monday. Maybe Sunday he was trying to unite the nation around the flag before passing out the work-sheets. If that's the case, then the purpose of the Fireside Chat was achieved. But, if the radio talk is not followed up immediately, like a case of "revival meeting religion" it will soon back-slide into smugness!

When a house is on fire, it is well to load the merits of fire insurance and to point with alarm to the dangers presented by the conflagration. But it is even more important to man the fire engine and fight the fire! If England is to be saved, then we must declare a state of national emergency and get many more planes, ships and materials to her within the next NINETY DAYS than present production figures and prospects indicate we are going to get to her! That's the sad news, and as a nation we are poised to do the job and we want the leadership to give us ACTION. In another column today, we suggest that the automobile makers abandon plans for changing models this fall and turn our skilled tool-makers and draftsmen over to the defense program. President Roosevelt is the only man to get the car manufacturers together and work out plans whereby we can go on making present model cars, but take the vast automotive and tool-making facilities into defense production NOW.

We shall never forget that frantic plea of Paul Reynaud that America FILL THE SKIES WITH AIRPLANES FLYING TO OUR RESCUE. Our spirit was willing, but the body was weak. . we just did not have the planes, and gallant France went down within a week after we had to turn a deaf ear to Reynaud's appeal.

One does not have to stretch the imagination to wonder if by March Winston Churchill may send us the same appeal: "Our convoys are broken, our airplanes are grounded, our cities are leveled, our shores are being invaded by German hordes, FILL THE SKY with bombers and fighting planes with pombers and fighting planes flying the Atlantic to SAVE US!" By MARCH, we said! The time is oh so short! If and when the plea comes, what will America answer? To be able to answer "They're in the air, on the way, Mr. Churchill, at least 5,000 of them," we simply must have a state of national emergency now, and do a hundred and one. . yes, a thousand and one things we are not now doing.

What about Ireland, Mr. President? You made a fine point Sunday night when you said that Ireland wouldn't be free if Germany won the war. So we've got to do more than win that Ireland land would make its ports and air bases available to England NOW, and thus shorten the convoy distance! In a pinch, we could fly planes to the nearest Irish bases, and March may be too late to do so about getting those bases. Lots of Irishmen feel toward England like Southerners used to feel toward Yankees. But we're brothers under the skin, and patriots under the same flag now.

And, why aren't our production plants on a 24 HOUR A DAY and SEVEN DAY A WEEK schedule Mr. President? You told us Sunday night that we must all cooperate and there must not be any strikes on defense jobs. True, but the people have felt that way for many months. What we wanted to hear you say was that beginning this week America was going ALL OUT IN PRODUCTION!

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SUGGESTION TO OUR GOVERNOR

The next session of the Virginia General Assembly is some distance away, however, it is well to anticipate problems and prepare solutions. Frequently needed reforms are held in legislation full to pass the Assembly because they were brought forward too late to run the routine gauntlet. Therefore we advocate study of problems well in advance of the session approaching and the doing of the necessary spade-work.

Here's a problem and a suggestion:

America needs skilled workers. Our public school system is turning out fine boys and girls, eager to take their places in society, but they lack vocational training. Some of our schools are focusing the spotlight upon vocational education, but we believe that Virginia should do more in training boys and girl for the trades than is now being done. A commendable Federal program is now being developed, but we believe the problem is in the sphere of the State. Therefore, we suggest that our able Governor appoint a committee, now, to study vocational training in Virginia, and have a definite program ready ere t h e General Assembly convenes.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

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Lesson for January 5

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JESUS AND HUMAN AFFLICTIONS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 13:1-5, 10-17.
GOLDEN TEXT—We have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities—Hebrews 4:15.

A sense of guilt for sin seems to be in every human heart. Some try to deny it, or seek to suppress it, but it has a way of revealing itself, especially when trouble or sorrow comes. How often one hears even persons who are spiritually indifferent and careless say that some catastrophe is a punishment for sin. The assumption is that the one who suffers must be a great sinner, but our study of Job taught us that such is not necessarily the case. In the lesson for today we learn from Jesus Himself regarding human afflictions. His attitude toward it should guide us in our attitude. First of all He makes clear that we are all

I. Perishing Sinners (vv. 1-5).

Someone, apparently a Judean, told Jesus, possibly with a sense of real pious satisfaction, that certain Galileans whom the Judeans did not like) had been slain while they were at worship. Evidently the implication was, "What terrible sinners they must have been!" How true that are the expressions of people today!

Jesus met the question by giving another similar incident right in Judea, thus rebuking false racial pride; then went on to point out that what they (and we) need to remember is that all men are sinners and will perish eternally unless they repent. "A man can perish though Pilate never slay him. He can perish though no tower crush him. Life may die in his bed, with his friends all about him; and even have music when he dies, but he will be damned unless he repent" (G. Campbell Morgan).

The important thing is not the relative sinfulness of men, but the fact that God "commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). We are all sinners, either saved by grace or eternally lost. Sinner, turn to the

II. Powerful Saviour (vv. 10-13)

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He has seen America survive three great wars and sees it now approach another war. No similar span of life in the world's many years has seen so many changes, social and economic, as has Senator Wickham's. Yet he has lived a busy, useful life. All of these the Senator has followed with an active interest; and now with his zest in life and his grasp of affairs undimished he starts another year that may hold many other changes in our way of living. For one who has seen so much, the changes of the future will not be too disturbing.

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BELIEVING NONSENSE

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Upon asking freshmen entering psychology classes last year to submit to examinations on their beliefs and disbeliefs, he discovered that 50 per cent or more than 200 believed that women have powers of intuition with which men are not equipped; that eyebrows brothers can mark their unborn by frightening experiences; that beavers know when to prepare for a long, cold winter; that red makes a bull wild; that chess develops powers of concentration.

Nearly half of them believed that dogs howling foretold death, that long slender hands indicate an artistic nature, that intuition is almost entirely a product of the white race, and that if you stare at a person's back you will force him to turn around.

As many as 25 per cent still cling to the idea that a receding or cream-lined chin denotes lack of will power, that silent men are deep thinkers, that fat ones are always jovial natured, and that you can read character by bumps on the head, or by depressions in the skull.

And every one of the ideas mentioned are without foundation in fact, says Dr. Arnold.—Peninsula Enterprise

President Roosevelt's Address

President Roosevelt called on this nation to make its first effort to avoid everything that is necessary in this emergency, and with all possible speed. He stated that our present efforts are not enough, that we must have "more ships, more guns, more planes— more of everything."

And how right he is!

This advice must be heeded. America must awaken—and it must assume the spirit of sacrifice.

We must create a "great arsenal of democracy," and like all acts of creation, it will take labor, patience and pain.

America must pay the price of peace in order to avoid the far greater price of war. And the price of peace is to rearm and to make available as Great Britain weapons with which to crush the forces of oppression.

It should be the prayer of the thoughtful that Mr. Roosevelt's address will bestir the nation, and that his administration will have the courage and ability to take whatever steps are necessary, however politically inexpedient, to build America into a unit so powerful that no other nation, or combination of nations will dare trifle with us.

That is our salvation!

—From The Winchester Star

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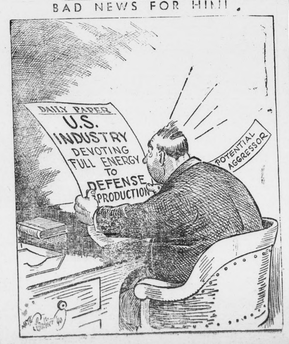

Appomattox Personals . .

Mrs. Jennie Johnson was a recent visitor in Lynchburg.

Miss Ethelyn Lee and Herman Lee spent New Year's day in Roanoke.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Morton Grubbs, a baby girl, December 27.

The general hunting season will close on January 5th.

Raymond Mann, of Richmond, visited in Appomattox last week-end.

J. D. Harris and sons visited relatives at Petersburg Friday.

James O'Brien, of Richmond, was home for Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Janes were recent visitors in Richmond.

Schools have reopened after the Christmas holidays.

There was a New Year's eve dance Tuesday evening at Sears.

Miss Marian June Evans spent several days recently in Lynchburg, with her sister, Mrs. Cliff Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Snead, of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Lizzie White during the Christmas season.

Mrs. A. M. Young, mother of Mrs. C. K. Hunter, is recovering from a recent illness.

Misses Nina and Anna Jones had their near relatives for dinner on Christmas day.

Mrs. Ola Patteson, Mrs. G. L. Doss and daughter spent last Wednesday in Buckingham.

Judge and Mrs. Joel W. Flood spent New Year's day in Richmond.

Miss Elaine McDermon and H. Y. Spencer were in Richmond yesterday.

Sam Conner has returned to Mississippi, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley and family spent Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs Mitchell Lewis and son, Ronnie, have returned from a visit with relatives in Chatham.

Mrs R. C. Moore attended the funeral of the late Mrs. James Dooley in Portsmouth, Ohio, Friday.

Oscar Hall has returned home from the hospital and is improving after a recent illness.

Dr. Charles James Jr., of New York, spent part of the holidays here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Kastner spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. George White.

Misses Lucy LeGrand and Dot Beasley spent part of the holidays with relatives in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jamerson, of Arlington, visited relatives here during Christmas week.

Mrs. L. W. Carter and Miss Hilda Carter visited relatives in Lynchburg Thursday.

Mrs. James B. Abbitt and Miss Vay Abbitt spent the holidays in Richmond.

The Town Council will have its first meeting of the new year next Monday night.

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet Thursday night of next week, January 9th.

Miss Gertrude Franklin is spending this week in Roanoke with her aunt, Mrs. W. D. McFadden.

Local banks, the post-offices and a number of offices here were closed for New Year's day yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B White, of Lynchburg spent Christmas with Mr and Mrs. L. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lucado and Miss Phoebe O'Brien will spend the week end at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. They will be accompanied by Mrs. A. B. Nowlin, who will spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Manley.

Garland O'Brien has returned to Baltimore after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Brien.

Mrs. E. W. Austin and son, Harry, of Lynchburg visited relatives here during the holidays.

Misses Etta and Wanda Austin, of Lynchburg were recent guests of Mrs. Monroe Garrett.

John Cole, of Norfolk, is visiting at his home here.

Mrs. R. F. B Steele and son, of Petersburg spent Wednesday with Mrs. W. T. Steele.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W P Gills Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. R B. Frazier, Mrs. B B Pittman, of Richmond; Mrs. William Copenhaver, of Marion; Mr and Mrs. Allen Gills and family of Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Gills and Mrs. John Bell, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gills this week.

Miss Mildred McDearmon returned to Columbia, S. C. last night, after spending Christmas here.

Robert Work, of Pennsylvania, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O'Brien Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Swiezer will return to Wheeling this week-end after visiting Dr., and Mrs. C. G. O'Brien.

Miss Elizabeth McDearmon and Richard McDearmon returned to Richmond yesterday after visiting their parents, Mayor and Mrs. C. S. McDearmon.

The local Masonic Lodge met on December 27.

Four die in Christmas day fire in Brooklyn.

You can sell your country produce profitably in Appomattox.

Holiday auto toll in nation set at 160.

Schools reopen for New Year.

Inventors working on plans for a rocket plane.

Route 460 is the logical east-west traffic route in Virginia.

Town Council meets on Monday night, January 6th.

World's navies list 1,600 ships.

Egypt may enter war on side of Britain.

Trans-Atlantic phone calls set a record on Christmas Day.

Italian censors permit gist of the recent speech by Winston Churchill to reach the people.

King George makes longest speech of career to his subjects Christmas Day, saying Britain is on path to victory.

Hitler promises Germany complete victory in 1941.

Stanford and Nebraska met in the Rose Bowl classic football game.

Three national parks in Pennsylvania drew 700,000 visitors last year.

Roosevelt to address joint session of Congress Monday.

Ireland asks for food and munitions from United States.

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Girls Are Advised To Build-Up For Relief

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Stonewall News Events

Stonewall, Jan. 1.—Many of the young people who have been spending the holidays here have returned to schools and colleges: Miss Faye Stanton to Randolph-Macon Woman's College; Miss Mary Owen Carson to Farmville S. T. C.; Paul Carson to V.M.I., and George Jennings to V.P.I.

Miss Mary Davidson has returned to her position in Blacksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carson, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Davis and son, Dick, and Mrs. Lula Morgan, of Portsmouth, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Carson, of Roanoke visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings and family spent last week with relatives in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gunter, of Mr. and Mrs. S E Anderson spen. Sunday in Richmond.

Miss Ruby Blanton, of Cumberland spent last week with Miss Nellie Barnes.

Misses Edna Adcock and Dorothy Wright spent a part of last week in their homes in Buckingham.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Irving and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. B Stratton on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler, of Roanoke, John Wheeler, of Alexandria, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wheeler and daughter, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Wheeler, of Spout Spring, visited their father, B. L. Wheeler, here this week.

Mrs. Adcock of Buckingham spent a part of last week here with her laughter, Miss Edna Adcock.

Mrs. W J Boyd, Miss Virginia Boyd, Walter Yeates Boyd, of Edgerton, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hudgins, of Mathews visited in the home of Mrs. O. R. Turner Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Davidson spent the week end with friends at Emporia.

Francis Hamilton, of Richmond spent last week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship and Mr and Mrs John Banton's children, of Lynchburg visited their mother, Mrs. E. B. Blankenship this week.

Miss Maude Burnette has returned to her duties as home economics instructor at the Natural Bridge school.

Miss Annie Alvis has returned to Richmond, Kentucky, after spending the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, and sons, Jimmy and Alfred, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turner Sunday.

Miss Louise Turner spent Wednesday in Richmond.

Fear Hitler attempts a knock-out blow at England before spring.

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